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**Keeping Unwanted Tanks out of Landfills
*Blue Rhino Announces Program for Recycling Centers and Waste Disposal Sites***

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – Blue Rhino is pleased to announce a new, ecologically friendly program that is designed to recycle unwanted tanks left at recycling centers and waste disposal sites.

For years, Blue Rhino has helped millions of backyard chefs fire up their gas grills with its convenient propane tank exchange program at more than 40,000 retail locations nationwide. But what about old, used propane grill tanks that are no longer in somebody's backyard? Hundreds and even thousands of unwanted tanks have been discarded at recycling centers and waste disposal sites. That has created a hazardous waste problem for municipalities since some of the tanks still contain propane.

In response, Blue Rhino has developed Rhino Recycle, a program that alleviates the need for collection sites to dispose of 20 lb. propane cylinders independently. By calling 1-888-753-7159 x. 6505, a site that has unwanted and discarded 20 lb. propane tanks for disposal can arrange for Blue Rhino to pick them up. In most cases, an organization must have a minimum of 36 non-punctured tanks.

Blue Rhino will refurbish collected tanks by shot-blasting and repainting the tanks and by retrofitting outdated valves and other components, thus prolonging their useable lives. If a tank does not meet safety and quality standards, Blue Rhino will reclaim any unused propane and recycle the steel.

“This program is not only good for the environment,” said Tod Brown, vice president of Blue Rhino. “It will also save municipalities the time and money they would have to invest to dispose of unwanted tanks independently.”

For more information, interested organizations should contact Blue Rhino at **1-888-753-7159**, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9 to 6, and Sunday from 11 to 5 (all times eastern), or visit www.bluerhino.com/recycle. A small per tank fee may apply in some circumstances.

About Blue Rhino

Blue Rhino® is a leading national provider of branded propane tank exchange and complementary propane-fueled products to consumers. Blue Rhino® tank exchange is offered at leading home improvement centers, mass merchants, hardware, grocery, and convenience stores, with branded tank displays at more than 40,000 retail locations in 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Tanks are delivered to retailers through a national network of both independent and company-owned distributors. Blue Rhino's® propane-fueled products division is focused on appliances such as grills, patio heaters and mosquito eradication devices, which are sold through many of the same retailers that offer Blue Rhino's® branded tank exchange service. Blue Rhino® is a brand of Ferrellgas, L.P. For further information regarding Blue Rhino®, visit the Blue Rhino® Web site at www.bluerhino.com.

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